

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected the Claims as follows. Claims 1, 4-6, 9-10, and 13-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Boucher et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,931,263). Claims 2-3, 7-8, and 11-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Boucher* in view of *Goldberg et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,266,639).

It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has allowed Claims 15-18.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), the Examiner states that *Boucher* teaches each and every limitation of Claim. After reviewing *Boucher*, Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Boucher teaches a system and method for associating text with a voice command and entering said associated text into a portable electronic device. In particular, the system includes a software portion – also referred to as the text string voice association software – that allows a user of the electronic device to enter text strings into a memory associated with the portable device and to record a voice utterance for storage in a memory. The system is then able to automatically associate the voice utterance with the appropriate entered string to enable a user to enter text information into a communication message by using voice recognition and a particular voice utterance associated with a particular voice string. (See Column 5, Lines 32-56; Abstract)

In rejecting independent Claim 1, among other things, the Examiner incorrectly equates the speech information managing database (135) which functions to store character information corresponding to input speech information, as recited in Claim 1, with a memory (180) and a data memory (250), which together are used to store the text string voice

association software, as mentioned above and as disclosed by *Boucher* in Column 5, Lines 32-56 and in Figs.1 and 2.

Here, regarding the Examiner's assertion that the speech information managing database (135), as recited by Claim 1, is disclosed and taught by *Boucher*, Applicant respectfully disagrees.

As disclosed by the present application and recited by Claim 1, the speech information database (135) includes tables that work to store character information corresponding to speech information or data. In particular, this table format of storing speech information or data is distinctly illustrated in Figs. 2 and 4 of the present application. With reference to Column 5, Lines 32-56 of *Boucher*, as well as, in Figs. 1 and 2, *Boucher* discloses a memory portion (180) that "stores a text string voice association software which is used in generating storage tables that comprise speech information or data." However, *Boucher* does not teach the recitation of "a speech information managing database including a table for storing character information corresponding to the speech information," as depicted in Figs 2 and 4 of the application and as recited by Claim 1.

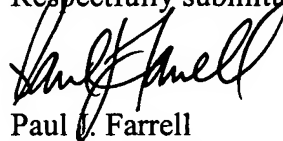
Accordingly, as *Boucher* does not teach and suggest each and every limitation of Claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claim 1 under §102(e) should be withdrawn.

Moreover, regarding the rejections of independent Claims 6 and 10 also under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), Claims 6 and 10 both include similar recitations as those contained in independent Claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 6 and 10 be allowed for at least the same reasons as set forth above with respect to Claim 1.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, and 12 are dependent claims; accordingly, as the above arguments are believed to place the independent claims into condition for allowance, these dependent claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-18 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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